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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - November 2, 2010

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the unsealing of an indictment charging San Diego residents Basaaly Saeed Moalin, Mohamed Mohamed Mohamud (also known as Mohamed Khadar) and Issa Doreh with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, conspiracy to kill in a foreign country, and related offenses.

According to the indictment, handed up on October 22, 2010 and unsealed today, Moalin, Mohamud and Doreh conspired to provide money to al-Shabaab, a violent and brutal militia group in Somalia. In February 2008, the U.S. Department of State designated al-Shabaab as a foreign terrorist organization. The indictment alleges that al-Shabaab has used assassinations, improvised explosive devices, rockets, mortars, automatic weapons, suicide bombings and other tactics of intimidation and violence to undermine Somalia's Transitional Federal Government and its supporters.

The indictment further alleges that, in late 2007 and early 2008, Moalin was in direct telephone contact with Aden Hashi Ayrow, who was a prominent military leader of al-Shabaab. Ayrow requested

money from Moalin, who then coordinated the fund-raising efforts and money transfers with Mohamud and Doreh. According to the indictment, Moalin also provided a house in Somalia, knowing the house would be used in preparation for, and to carry out, a conspiracy to kill persons in a foreign country. The indictment alleges that, after Ayrow's death on May 1, 2008, the conspirators continued to transfer money from San Diego to Somalia to fund terrorist activities.

With the assistance of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Moalin on October 31, 2010, at San Diego International Airport, shortly before Moalin was scheduled to board a flight. On November 1, 2010, agents arrested Mohamud and Doreh, also in San Diego.

On November 2, 2010, United States Magistrate Judge William V. Gallo arraigned Moalin on the indictment and ordered him held without bail pending a detention hearing scheduled for November 5, 2010. Mohamud and Doreh are expected to appear before Judge Gallo on November 3, 2010, for arraignment.

According to United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy, the arrests arise from a lengthy investigation by the San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force.

DEFENDANTS

Criminal Case No. 10-CR-4246-JM

Basaaly Saeed Moalin

Mohamed Mohamed Mohamud

Issa Doreh

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Count 1 (all defendants): Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339A(a) - Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Terrorists; Maximum penalties: 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Count 2 (all defendants): Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(a)(1) - Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Foreign Terrorist Organization; Maximum penalties: 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Count 3 (all defendants): Title 18, United States Code, Section 956 - Conspiracy to Kill in a Foreign Country; Maximum penalties: Life in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Count 4 (all defendants): Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h) - Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments; Maximum penalties: 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

Count 5 (Basaaly Moalin): Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339A(a) - Providing Material Support to Terrorists; Maximum penalties: 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection

An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.